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Dear Dr. Buzard,

Carl Djerassi warned me that the schedule for the Industrial Associates' Conference was rather full and I suspected that it might be difficult for you to visit the Biochemistry Department. I'm sorry it didn't work out this time but let me offer you a raincheck which is usable whenever you're in the Bay Area.

I know I speak for all of my colleagues in the Department when I express our appreciation to you and the Searle Laboratories for your willingness to give us some financial support for our Departmental research and training program. When we talked in Chicago I promised to inquire as to what form of support would provide the greatest benefit and flexibility for the purposes I outlined. After consultation with our people here, it seems that the greatest flexibility would be achieved if the funds were designated as a gift (or grant) to support the research and training program of the Biochemistry Department. Under this heading a gift of \$8000 would support two graduate students as research assistants (the University provides the needed tuition as a staff benefit) for a year. It would be my hope that Searle Laboratories could find a way to underwrite the support for two such Biochemistry students over the next five years. With such support from private sources I'm confident that we can preserve the excellence of our research and training program and attract and support the most talented young people entering biologic research. A failure to do so will, I believe, have grave consequences for our nation's ability to meet and solve many of the medical problems that need attention. Therefore, even a relatively small investment needed to support activities of research students today will ensure the continuation of a viable and healthy biomedical research community for future years.

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I was delighted to hear from Peter Krimmel that the course in Molecular Biology was so well received by the Searle staff. It was indeed a pleasure to participate; for one of the pleasures of teaching is to find a receptive and enthusiastic "student body". Peter mentioned that he planned to show the film we made about protein synthesis again and that he hoped you'd have a chance to see and enjoy it.

Once again may I thank you and your colleagues for your hospitality during my stay at Searle: And my special appreciation to you for being so responsive to our plight. If I, or any of the members of the Biochemistry Department, can be of help to you or your colleagues in the future, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely yours,

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